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Caledonian Mercury

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A short Account of all the most considerable News,
Foreign and Domestic.

Edinburgh, Monday November 4, 1723.

From the Evening Post, October 26.

This Day we had one Mail from France.

Paris, October 3.

ON the 18th. of last Month, The Duke de Chartres performed in the Chapel of the Palace Royal, The Ceremony of the Installation of the 8 Knights of St. Lazarus, one Novice, and one Brother at Arms. Extraordinary Preparations are making at a House called d' Aval in the Forest of St. Germain, for an Entertainment the King designs to give there to-morrow, to the whole Court, at his Return from hunting, his Majesty intending then to give over that Sport for this Season.

Madrid, October 19. The King has sent Orders to Biscay, for building in the Ports of that Province, nine Men of War.

London, October 29. The young Princesses are returned from Kensington to St. James's last Friday Night. When the Lord Chancellor was hearing Causes at his House in Lincoln's Infields, the Porter's Staff, headed with Silver, was stolen from behind the Hall Door.

This Day at Noon, South Sea Stock was 111, one Quarter. South Sea Annuity 99, 7 8ths. Bank 120. India 136, 3 Quarters. African 11, 7 8ths. York Buildings 13, one Quarter.

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From the Whitehall Evening Post.

Stockholm, Oct. 5. Although by an Order of the Diet none, of the Representatives were to communicate to their respective Provinces any of the Transactions till after the Conclusion of the Diet; nevertheless the Deputies of Finland have been allowed to transmitt to Abo, some important Matters concerning their Province, to the End that they may take before the Winter Season, the necessary Measures for putting the Fortresses of Finland in the best Condition of Defence against any Surpize. The last Advices from thence tell us that the Russians are very busy in their new Conquests there, in cutting down such Trees as are proper for Timber and building of Ships, the best of which they send to Petersburg, and though during the Summer Season, great Dispositions were made for erecting some new Fortresses, as yet nothing has been done concerning them, which in all probability is with a Design to see first how the Dispute about Werolax will end. The Inspectors of the Mines, who have been here during the Diet, after having received their Instructions, are now returned to their respective Places, and have sent their Orders to Officers in the adjacent Districts, to provide the necessary Timber for the Mines.

Groningen, Oct. 26. All the great Prizes of 20,000, 10,000, &c. down to 600 Guilders, that were drawn in the 3d Classis of our Lottery are now paid, and the other lesser Prizes are to be paid on Demand; all the undrawn Tickets are to be renewed on or before the 26th of November next; and the fourth Class is to begin drawing the 24th of November next. N. B. Those Tickets that are not renewed against the said 26th of November, shall be look'd upon as forfeited.

London, Oct. 26. We hear, that the Lord Townshend is expected here by the 20th of next Month. 'Tis also said, that Alderman Barber is expected home in the Spring.

We are credibly informed, that two of the Murderers of the 4 English Gentlemen near Calais are taken, and are now in Prisons at Abbeville.

They write from Ipswich, that they have erected a new Cross in the Market place there, with the Effigies of Justice on the Top, which for Largeness, Beauty and Proportion, is thought to exceed all other Crosses in England.

Portsmouth, Oct. 22. Last Sunday being the Anniversary of his Majesty's Coronation, it was observed here with great Joy. The Dock Regiment was under Arms, performed an handsome Exercise, and afterwards heard a Sermon suitable to the Occasion. Bonfires were made, and Fireworks exhibited in the Evening: Great Notice was taken of his Majesty's own Ships wearing no more than their usual Colours, whilst the honest Dutchman at Spithead hung out all she could; it seems the Reason, was, lest the Colours should be damaged thereby: However what they wanted in show they made up in Noise by their Thundrings at Noon.

From the Evening Post.

Letters from the North say, that the good Understanding and Amiry, between the Crowns of Sweden and Denmark increases daily, the said two Crowns being willing to join their Endeavours, in order to frustrate the Measures of a certain powerful Neighbour.

Florence, Oct. 5. The Great Duke, who for some Days seem'd to be on the mending Hand, is again tormented with Pains of the Strangury; so that we are continually apprehensive of hearing the News of his Death: The Great Prince of Florence, his Son, ordered last Week, some Officers of the Artillery to Porto Ferrajo, and has a great Number of Cannon to be taken out of our Arsenal, and sent to different Sea Port Towns.

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William Bennet Sylveſter, Eſq; is made a firſt Lieutenant, in the Royal Regiment of North Britiſh Fuziliers commanded by General Maccartney.

From the Whitehall Evening Poſt, October 29, 1723.

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London, October 28, 1723.

Copy of a Letter from an Engliſh Gentleman at Edinburgh to his Friend at London.

Edinburgh, October 19, 1723.

Since I parted with you at Edinburgh, I have travelled over the moſt Part of Scotland, and cannot ſay the Country is ſo bad as we Engliſhmen believe it to be. There's but little Hedging or Planting, which makes it look the worſe; but there's Plenty of Corn and Eatables every where. Their Beef and Mutton is not ſo large as ours; but both eat very well. They have much the better of us as to Fiſh and Fowl of all Kinds; if you except from the fiſt, Carp and Tench, and from the laſt, Pheasants; of which they have none. Their Malt-liquor is none of the beſt; but this is ſupplied with Plenty of French Wine. They cannot bear our Port-o-port. And what gives a better Reliſh to every Thing, they are become more cleanly ſince our Countrymen have been among them, both in their Houſes and Linnen; and cook their Viſtuals better than they did at any Time before. I cannot commend their Bread, which for the moſt is made of Oat Meal; and their Wheat Bread is not ſo well bak'd as ours.

In my Travels I ſaw a great many Rarities: I ſaw a Lake, the Water whereof is cold in Summer, and warm in Winter, and never freezes in the coldeſt Season. I ſaw alſo a Cataract, the Fall whereof was about 20 Fathom, of a whole River near as big as the Thames at Windſor. The Chapel at Roſlin is a curious Piece of Architecture: And the Cave at Hawthornden, cut out of a hard Rock, and fit to ſhelter a Family in the Time of Confuſion, is a very ſurprizing Work.

But that which ſurpriz'd me moſt was, to meet in many Places a Number of unfortunate Clergymen in a poor and tatter'd Condition. As this did raiſe my Attention, ſo did it not a little move my Compaſſion, and put me upon the Enquiry into the Cauſe of their Diſtreſs; and the beſt and trueſt Account I could get is, That they were a Clergy of the Episcopalian Perſwaſion, who were in the legal Poſſeſſion of the Benefices of the Kingdom at the *Revolution*; but the Civil Government having at that Time declared Episcopacy a Grievance, and a little after ſet up the Presbyterian Government in the Room of it, the Episcopalian Clergy reſuſed to comply, and therefore loſt their Livings: And whatever may be the Cauſe of their Sufferings, certainly the Preſumption of acting conſcientiouſly is with them.

You know I am not narrow in my own Principles, and yet I muſt always put a Value on thoſe who dare ſuffer for theirs. 'Twould break a Man's Heart to ſee a Number of venerable old Men of the ſacred Order of Prieſthood, wandering up and down in ſuch a deſolate Condition. And aſſoon as I return to England, I ſhall be a hearty Advocate with all my Acquaintance for ſome Contribution for them. And here I muſt do Juſtice to the Presbyterian Party of that Country, who generously throw in their Mite for their Relief; which they would never do, if they did not think them proper Objects of their Compaſſion. But alas! what they get at home will not do. Money is but a rare Commodity in Scotland.

I know a Nonjuror is a Name that ſounds very ill with ſome People, as it did with me for many Years, but after this, I ſhall always prefer a peaceable Nonjuror to one who has taken the Oaths, and yet looks another Way, if any ſuch there be: The firſt puts the Government upon their Guard, and ſo in ſome Meaſure contributes to its Security; the other Blindfolds it with a falſe one; and of all Nonjurors I think the *Scots* Clergy have the beſt Title to Compaſſion, becauſe taking the Oaths to the Civil Government could avail them nothing,

nothing, unless they would give up Episcopacy, and promise, when they pray, not to say the Lord's Prayer, nor sing the Gloria Patri, nor Kneel at the Receiving of the Holy Sacrament, such Terms as I believe few, if any of our English Clergy would have complied with, nor can I help thinking it very much for the Honour of the English Church, that the whole Body of a Clergy in a Neighbouring Nation, chused rather to give up their Benefices, and live a poor and afflicted Life, than to depart from Episcopacy, and give up those other Points which are the distinguishing Parts of its Constitution; certainly it must be owing to some Mistakes, that their Sufferings are so little minded, either by the Clergy, or other Members of our Church.

I have dwelt longer upon this Head than I at first intended, and do assure you, if I had not been convinced from the Testimony of their Enemies, as well as Friends, that they were harmless old Men, who bore their Sufferings with a primitive Quietness, and meddled not with any Thing that could give Offence to the Civil Government, I should neither have given you or my self any Manner of Trouble about them; their Number is now reduced to about 80, and the youngest of them turned of 60 Years; so that they will not be long a Burden to their Friends, nor a Grievance to their Enemies.

Wye's Letter verbatim. London October 27, 1723.

Letters from Vienna of the 16th Instant inform us, That the Dutch Envoy there has not yet received a positive Answer to his last Memorial, tho' he pressed hard for it, but was told by word-of-mouth by Prince Cordona, That this Affair was entirely referred to the Decision of the Great Council at Brussels: That since the States ground their Reasons in the said Memorial, upon solemn Treaties, the Regency of the Austrian Netherlands have transmitted already to the Emperor several Articles, to evince that the States have infring'd those Treaties; and that he may be assur'd that the several Infractions will be communicated to them: That after all, no other Power besides that of Holland, opposes with so much Vigour the establishing the new East India Company; and that the Interposition of all other Powers in that Behalf, have been made in Compliance with the States.

Mr. Spendelaw, Servant to Mr. Seabright, in the Account which he published Yesterday of the Murder of the English Gentlemen near Calais, says, That his Master had changed at the last nam'd Place about 25 Guineas into Silver (not 300, as was given out) to bear the Expence on the Road; and the Report of this Gentleman's having said that he knew one of the Russians, is absolutely false and groundless. That when Mr. Monpesson was brought to Calais, they sowed up his Throat, and finding he had a Fever, bled him; but he died soon after. That some Time before he expired he took notice, That he thought the Rogues were but indifferently pay'd for their Drudgery of butchering so many Persons: For (said he) besides Watches, Rings, Linnen, &c. they've got but 120 Guineas; and the Payment of the Bills will be stop'd at Paris. That as to the Person taken up at Lisse, and said to be the old Man that was among the Russians, he did not appear, on his Trial, to be the Man: However, he was broke on the Wheel, for a Robbery committed by him 4 Years ago.

By Letters yesterday from Lisbon its advised, that the Sicknefs had been so extraordinary there, that when it entered a House, it generally carryed off the whole Family. And the greatest Merchants having withdrawn into the Country, Business had been at a Stand for some Time. But the great Rains being fallen in Portugal, and the Heat thereby much abated. 'Tis expected that the next Letters will give us the good News of a Stop put to the Distemper, called a Malignant Fever; and which had been the Occasion of their sad Apprehensions.

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Those from Dublin advise, That the House of Commons of Ireland, had ordered a Bill to be brought in for granting Time to the Roman Catholick Inhabitants of Limerick, to enter into Security for themselves and Children, pursuant to an Act to prevent the further Growth of Popery.

Sir Godfrey Kneller, Principal Painter to his Majesty, to which Place is annexed a Salary of 200 l. per Annum died last Sunday Morning in the 78 Year of his Age. John Deal Esq; formerly Member of Parliament for Evesham, is said to be dangerously ill of the dead Palsy: And the Lord Chief Baron Montague is past all Hopes of Recovery. This Day Sir Peter Delme went with the usual State and Grandeur to be sworn Lord Mayor of this City before the Barons of the Exchequer.

The Lord Lechmere is dangerously ill of the Gout.

A few Days ago two Messengers having Orders to search for Letters on board a Vessel bound for France; in searching an old Frenchman that was returning to that Kingdom, they found near 1000 English Guineas quilted in a broad Leather Belt round his Middle and next to his Skin, which they brought to the Custom-house.

'Tis observed that great Exports have been made hence this Year of our foreign Gold, &c. to Holland. 'Tis said the King of Spain has sent Orders to Biscay for Building 9 Men of War.

Edinburgh, November 4th. We hear last Week, a Ship in Leith Harbour come from Holland, --- Paris Master, was searched (as is supposed) for suspected Persons and Arms; but as yet, we do not hear of any found. Of late the City and Countrey has been much infested with a Gang of Robbers; but by the Care and Prudence of the Magistrats, near the Number of 20 of them are apprehended and incarcerated.

The 2d Race of Leith holds the 18th Current.

Haddington, November 1st.

Best Wheat 7 l.	2d Ditto 6 l. 16 sh.	3d Ditto 6 l. 12 sh.
Best Bear 7 l.	2d Ditto 6 l. 18 sh.	3d Ditto 6 l. 12 sh.
Best Oats 6 l.	2d Ditto 5 l. 16 sh.	3d Ditto 5 l. 12 sh.
Best Peas 5 l. 14 sh.	2d Ditto 5 l. 12 sh.	3d Ditto 5 l. 8 sh.

A D V E R T I S E M E N T S.

* * These are advertising, That a Gentleman in Perth-shire has invented a **SUNDIAL**, which points the Hours, the Degrees of Latitude and **LONGITUDE** at once, in every Place at Land and Sea, in the same Brightness and Certainty the Hours and Latitudes were known before. If this **DIAL** can be of use to the Public, let them call for the same, which shall be made for their Use, at reasonable Rates; paying nothing for it, if it does not answer as to the **LONGITUDES**, as well as to the Latitudes and Hours. The Inventor conceals his Name, to prevent Noise; referring to the **DIAL** it self to answer for all. By this general Designation he may be found, and shall appear as Occasion offers Enquire for him at the Author of this Paper.

* * That the good Ship called *The Margaret of Dyserf*, Alexander Ogilvie Master, as she presently lies in the Harbour of *Leith*, with her whole Furniture, Burden 32 Tons or thereby, is to be exposed to voluntar Roup and Sale, in the House of *William Brown* on the *Coal-hill* of *Leith*, upon *Wednesday* the 27th of this Instant *November*, betwixt the Hours of 2 and 4 in the Afternoon, the Inventars of the said Ship to be seen at the *Exchange Coffee-House* in *Edinburgh*, and *Will's Coffee-House* in *Leith*,

That

The *Edinburgh Assembly* is to begin on *Thursday* next the 7th Instant in the great Hall in *Patrick Steel's Clois*, and *Tickets* are given out at *Mr James Robertson's Book-seller*, opposite to the *Cross*.

That there is to be Sold at *Fetteresso* near *Stonhive* a Parcel of *Fruit* and *Barren Trees* at reasonable Rates.

A COMPOUND for improving of *Land*, which for it's *Virtue*, surpasses any Thing that has yet appeared, impregnating the *Seeds*, of every Kind of *Corn*, to such a *Degree*, as scarce any single *Grain* misgives, whereby *Half* the Quantity of *Seed* usually taken will suffice; and from that *Half* sown, an *Increase* is to be expected, modestly speaking, *Double*, if not *Triple* of what the full *Seed* would otherwise produce; and yet is so far from weakening, That it nourishes the *Ground*, and puts it in a much better *Condition* than it was before; And operating not only upon a rich *Soil*, but serving in *Place* of *Dung*, has also a surprising *Effect* upon the *Coldest* and *Poorest Grounds*, where no *Dung* is used: Of such a *Quality* as it may be kept for a *Term* of *Years* without losing it's *Virtue*. Is made by *Robert Geddes* *Chirurgion* *Appothecary* in *Edinburgh*, and sold only at the *Laigh Coffee-House* there. Price 1 s. a *Chopin Bottle*.

The Method of preparing the Seed by the Compound.

Pour a *Bottle* of the *Compound* upon a *Peck* of *Seed*, of any kind of *Corn*, and so proportionably less or more, according to the Quantity of *Seed* to be sown, without any other *Mixture* whatsoever; let the *Seed* be immediatly moved, or turned over in the *Vessel*, so as it may be all equally wet by the *Compound*; continue to move or turn it over, at least once every *Half-Hour*, for the Space of four *Hours*, that it may drink the *Compound* wholly up; And whenever the *Seed* is so dry, as it does separate well enough in the *Hand* for sowing, let it be sown into the *Ground*; and cause harrow the *Ground* without Loss of *Time*.

N. B. The *Inventer* of this *Composition* makes it easy to try the *Experiment*, confident of the *Virtue* of the *Compound*; he proposes the *Simplest Method* of using it. Mere *Pretenders* usually leave much to be done by those they prescribe to, that when their *Experiments* fail, they may have a *Handle* left them, to throw the *Blame* from off themselves.

†† To be sold, a fine *Chariot* and 2 handsome young well sized *Mares*. Enquire at *George Purdie*, in the *Exchange Coffee-House*, *Edinburgh*.

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N. B. That all *Advertisements* to be insert in the *Caledonian Mercury*, are for the future to be given in to Mr. *Rolland*, Author thereof, or to *James Grant*, at Mr. *Adams's* Printing-house: And all *Payments* for *Advertisements*, or *Quarter-payments* for the *News-paper*, are hereafter to be made to Mr. *Rolland* himself, or to the said *James Grant*.

N. B. In our Last, in the 2d Page, in the Paragraph from *Petersburgh*, Line 14, where it is (by Mistake) said, *The 3 Men of War that were lately mentioned to be laden with warlike Stores, is to set out for Persia, &c.* Read thus: *The 3 Men of War, that were lately mentioned to be laden with warlike Stores, are laid up at Revel. Ms. de Tirene is to set out for Persia, &c.*